b.) Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~tablet production~~ method for ~~compressing molding material by means of punches and dies~~ producing compressed tablets, comprising~~;~~:

selecting ~~using~~ powdered or granular material ~~including~~ comprising an active compound which is ~~apt to~~ denaturalized or inactivated~~;~~ when ~~tableted~~ compressed at a ~~high~~ pressure ~~as said molding material~~ greater than or equal to 1 ton /cm^2,

providing a spraying chamber housing a ~~said~~ punches and ~~said~~ a dies ~~in a spraying chamber~~,

generating pulsating vibration air~~,~~ ~~and~~

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spraying a lubricant mixed ~~in~~ with said pulsating vibration air in said spraying chamber~~;~~ to apply~~ing~~ the lubricant on ~~the~~ surfaces of said punches and ~~said~~ dies ~~while the lubricant sprayed in said spraying chamber is mixed with said pulsating vibration air~~,

mixing said powdered or granular material with a diluting agent to make a molding material, said molding material not containing said lubricant, and

compressing ~~tabletting~~ said molding material ~~by means of said punches applied with~~ using said ~~lubricant on the~~ lubricated punch ~~surface thereof~~ and said lubricated dies ~~applied with said lubricant on the~~ surfaces ~~thereof~~ at a pressure less than 1 ton/cm^2 to produce compressed tablet,

wherein sprayed lubricant is incorporated in said tablets at an amount not less than 0.0001 weight percent and not greater than 0.2 weight percent.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~tablet production~~ method for ~~compressing molding material by means of punches and dies~~ producing compressed tablets comprising~~;~~:

selecting ~~using dispersion~~ powdered or granular ~~granulated as said molding~~ material containing a dispersed active agent, said active agent being a low molecule compound of which elution is delayed when compressed at a pressure greater than or equal to 1 ton/cm^2 or a high molecule compound which is decomposed or denaturalized when compressed at a pressure greater than or equal to 1 ton/cm^2,

providing a spraying chamber housing a ~~said~~ punches and a ~~said~~ dies ~~in a spraying chamber~~,

generating pulsating vibration air, ~~and~~

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spraying a lubricant mixed ~~in~~ with said pulsating vibration air in said spraying chamber~~;~~ to apply~~ing~~ the lubricant on ~~the~~ surfaces of said punches and ~~said~~ dies ~~while the lubricant sprayed in said spraying chamber is mixed with said pulsating vibration air~~,

mixing said powdered or granular material with said diluting agent to make a molding material, said molding material not containing said lubricant, and

compressing ~~tabletting~~ said molding material using ~~by means of~~ said lubricated punches ~~applied with said lubricant on the surface thereof~~ and ~~said~~ dies ~~applied with said lubricant on the~~ surfaces ~~thereof~~ at a pressure less than 1 ton/cm^2 to produce compressed tablets,

wherein the sprayed lubricant is incorporated in said tablets at an amount not less than 0.0001 weight percent and not greater than 0.2 weight percent.

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~tablet production~~ method for ~~compressing molding material by means of punches and dies~~ producing compressed tablets, comprising:

selecting ~~using~~ powdered or granular material ~~including~~ comprising an active compound which is denaturalized or inactivated when ~~tabletted~~ compressed at ~~high~~ a pressure ~~as said molding material~~ greater than or equal to 1 ton/cm^2,

providing a spraying chamber housing a ~~said~~ punches and a ~~said~~ dies ~~in a spraying chamber~~,

applying ~~the~~ lubricant on ~~the~~ surfaces of said punches and ~~said~~ dies by spraying a mixture of ~~while~~ the lubricant ~~sprayed in said spraying chamber is mixed~~ with positive pulsating vibration air in said spraying chamber,

mixing said powdered or granular material with a diluting agent to make a molding material, said molding material not containing said lubricant, and

compressing ~~tabletting~~ said molding material ~~by means of said punches applied with~~ using said ~~lubricant on the surface thereof~~ lubricated punch and said ~~dies applied with said lubricant on the~~ lubricated die surfaces ~~thereof~~ at a pressure less than 1 ton/cm^2 to produce compressed tablets,

wherein the sprayed lubricant is incorporated in said tablets at an amount not less than 0.0001 weight percent and not greater than 0.2 weight percent.

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~tablet production~~ method for ~~compressing molding material by means of punches and dies~~ producing compressed tablets,

comprising:

selecting ~~using solid dispersion~~ powdered or granular ~~granulated material as said molding~~ material containing a dispersed active agent, said active agent being a low molecule compound of which elution is delayed when compressed at a pressure greater than or equal to 1 ton/cm^2 or a high molecule compound which is decomposed or denaturalized when compressed at a pressure greater than or equal to 1 ton/cm^2,

providing a spraying chamber housing a ~~said~~ punches and a ~~said~~ dies ~~in a spraying chamber~~,

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applying the lubricant on ~~the~~ surfaces of said punches and ~~said~~ dies by spraying a mixture of ~~while~~ the lubricant ~~sprayed in said spraying chamber is mixed~~ with positive pulsating vibration air in the spraying chamber,

mixing said powdered or granular material with a diluting agent to make a molding material, said molding material not containing said lubricant, and

compressing ~~tabletting~~ said molding material ~~by means of said punches applied with~~ using said ~~lubricant on the surface thereof and~~ lubricated punch and said lubricated dies ~~applied with said lubricant on the~~ surfaces ~~thereof~~ at a pressure less than 1 ton/cm^2 to produce compressed tablets,

wherein the sprayed lubricant is incorporated in said tablets at an amount not less than 0.0001 weight percent and not greater less than 0.2 weight percent.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~tablet production~~ method ~~as set forth in~~

according to any one of claims 1 - 4, wherein ~~spraying amount of~~ said lubricant is stearate acid metal salt.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~tablet production~~ method ~~as set forth in claim 5~~ according to any one of claims 1-4, wherein said lubricated surface of said punch~~es are~~ is provided with a project~~ed~~ing line ~~for~~ that form~~ings~~ a dividing line ~~of a~~ on said tablet~~s~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~tablet production~~ method ~~as set forth in~~ according to any of claims 1 or ~~2~~ -4 wherein ~~following steps are continuously executed;~~

~~housing said punches and said dies in said sampling chamber;~~

~~generating~~ said pulsating vibration air is generated, ~~spraying~~ said lubricant is mixed ~~in~~ with said pulsating vibration air, and said mixture of lubricant and pulsating vibration air is sprayed into said spraying chamber simultaneously~~, and applying the lubricant on the surfaces of said punches and said dies while the lubricant sprayed in said spraying chamber is mixed with said pulsating vibration air, and~~

~~tabletting said molding material by means of said punches applied with said lubricant on the surface thereof and said dies applied with said lubricant on the surface thereof respectively~~.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~tablet production~~ method ~~as set forth in claim~~

5 according to any one of claims 1 - 4, wherein ~~tabletting pressure for said molding compound by means of said punches applied with said lubricant on the surface thereof and said dies applied with lubricant on the surface thereof is low~~ said diluting agent is a saccharide.

10. (Currently Amended) A tablet ~~including~~ comprising:

powdered or granular material including ~~granule containing~~ active ~~agent in~~ compound which is denaturalized or inactivated when compressed at a high pressure greater than or equal to 1 ton/cm^2, a diluting agent, and a lubricant,

said tablet being compressed at a pressure less than 1 ton/cm^2 and containing a tabletting lubricant substantially only on a surface thereof ~~the said tablet~~ and not within said tablet, said tabletting lubricant being contained in said tablet in an amount not less than 0.0001 weight percent and not greater than 0.2 weight percent, and

wherein the active compound in said tablet has higher activity than active compound in a tablet of same materials compressed at same pressure but which contains said~~, said granule being compound powdered or granulated which is denaturalized or inactivated when tablet at high pressure~~ lubricant within the tablet.

11. (Currently Amended) A tablet ~~including~~ comprising:

(i) powdered or granular material containing a dispersed ~~granule containing~~ active agent ~~in~~ , said active agent being a low molecule compound of which elution is delayed when compressed at a pressure greater than or equal to 1 ton/cm^2 or a

high molecule compound which is decomposed or denaturalized when compressed at a pressure greater than or equal to 1 ton/cm^2, (ii) a diluting agent, and (iii) a lubricant,

said tablet being compressed at a pressure less than 1 ton/cm^2 and containing a tabletting lubricant substantially only on a surface thereof ~~the tablet~~ and not within said tablet, said tabletting lubricant being contained in said tablet in an amount not less than 0.0001 weight percent and not greater than 0.2 weight percent, and

wherein the active compound in said tablet has higher activity than active compound in a tablet of the same materials compressed at same pressure but which contains said~~, said granule being solid dispersion powdered or granulated~~ lubricant within the tablet.

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Claim 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The tablet as set forth in claim ~~12~~ 10 or 11, wherein the shape of the tablet is anomalous.

14. (Currently Amended) The tablet as set forth in claim ~~13~~ 10 or 11, wherein the tablet has a dividing line on the surface thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~tablet production~~ method ~~as set forth in~~ according to any of claims ~~6~~ 1-4, wherein ~~tabletting pressure for said molding compound by means of said punches applied with said lubricant on the surface thereof and said dies~~

~~applied with said lubricant on the surface thereof is low~~ said tablets have a hardness of at least 7kgf.

Claim 16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Cancelled)

18. (New) The tablet according to either of claims 10 or 11, which have a hardness of at least 7kgf.

19. (New) The tablet according to either of claims 10 or 11, wherein said tabletting lubricant is stearate acid metal salt.